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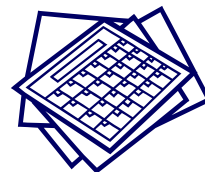
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The President's Dispatch

I'm going to let our secretary fill you in on the details of last month's meeting. Instead of my summary of the meeting, I'm going to give you some of my thoughts on collecting stamps.

I started collecting stamps when I was about 7 or 8 years old. My first stamp album was a used Modern Stamp Album from Minkus that was given to me by my grandmother. The album was old and worn and had a few stamps in it. Soon after that, I received a box of worldwide stamps that had been part of my older brother's collection and some bratty sibling (probably me) had stripped from his stamp album. Anyway, it was a start and I had fun putting all of the those stamps in my "new" stamp album. At that time you could go to the local five and dime store and buy a package of stamp hinges for 20¢. The brand of hinges varied, but most of the hinges from that era were truly peelable hinges. You could also buy stamps at the five and dime. Twenty-five cents would get you a cloth grab bag of USA or worldwide stamps. You could also buy packets of stamps at varying prices. Later on I decided that I needed a better stamp album for my USA collection and I had seen ads for the new "Liberty" album from H. E. Harris. It cost a whopping \$4.95, which I did not have, probably because I spent much of my lawn mowing and snow shoveling earnings on stamps. I had discovered a stamp dealer in downtown Grand Rapids, MI (where I lived as a child). He let me buy the stamp album for 25¢ a week, until it was paid off. So, I got a new stamp album on time payments for a cost of \$5.00, spread out over a period of around 20 weeks. I would make extra payments when I could so my "loan" was paid off early. This was my first lesson in finance and I have followed the same principles all my life. Later on I purchased a Harris "Senior Statesman"

Club Calendar



Guests and Visitors

always Welcome!

March 15th - 7 p.m.

Monthly Meeting at
Northeast State Community College
Student Services Building Cafeteria

album for my worldwide collection. Stamp collecting was an exciting journey around the world, and taught me many things over the years.

The point of telling you all of this is that I wanted to share my current feelings on the hobby. I had concentrated on my USA collection for many years and have filled many spaces in my stamp albums, I changed albums at one point and now house my USA stamps in a Scott "National" album and in a Mystic "American Heritage" album. Because my USA collection is fairly complete, most stamps that I now need cost more than I can afford to pay, so, I went back to collecting worldwide stamps. Again I started out with an old album someone had given me. This time was a Scott "International Junior" album with some stamps in it. Now, every time I work on my stamp collection, it is almost like when I first started collecting. I get excited when I am able to fill a space in my album whether the stamp cost 2¢ or \$2 doesn't make a difference - just filling that space makes it exciting. Another part I enjoy is finding varieties of various stamps. Many countries have used the same basic design for some of their definitive issues and figuring out

The President's Dispatch continued

which stamp you have can be both challenging and fun. So, if you feel like you are in a rut with your collecting areas, try something new. It could be world-wide (like me) or you could choose a new country to collect or maybe a topical collection could fill your needs. The possibilities are endless, so, don't give up - expand!

There will be a fifth Thursday bourse this month at our usual meeting place. Bring some stuff to sell and your want lists and some cash to buy something for your collection.

See you at the next meeting on March 15th and at the bourse on March 29th.

Steve

Upcoming Monthly Meetings

Mar. APS Circuit Books topic - Malaysia, Singapore, Far East

Mar. Topic by Dan Hubbard: "Malaysia and States"

Apr. APS Circuit Books topic - USA Revenues

Apr. Topic by Bob Smith: "What the Heck is This?"

May APS Circuit Books topic - Southern African Nations

May Topic by Paul Benson: southern Africa subjects

Jun. APS Circuit Books Topic - Iran (Persia)

Jun. Topic by Charlie Bartlett: Geology/Oil & Gas/Minerals

Jul. APS Circuit Books Topic - Portugal

Jul. Topic by Dick Odum: Portugal



Monthly Treasury Report

Beginning Balance Feb. 1, 2018 \$3,192.06

Beginning Cash on Hand \$3,187.70

checking account balance \$2,839.20

cash box \$496.78

issued checks not cleared \$58.08

APS Circuit Sales owed \$90.20

Total Income \$294.75

HSC Auction sales Nov. \$96.15

Other Sales \$4.60

2018 Membership Dues \$40.00

Literature Sales \$154.00

Total Disbursements (\$82.39)

Dick Odum stamp purchase (\$72.00)

APS Circuit Expenses (\$9.40)

Ending Balance Mar. 1, 2018 \$3,400.06

Ending Cash on hand Mar. 1, 2018 \$3,519.23

checking account balance \$3,034.71

cash box \$556.82

issued checks not cleared \$0.00

APS Circuit Sales owed (\$72.30)

Adjustment \$119.17

FYI. Altogether 87 lots were sold during Feb. special auction. Seven members sold 40 lots totaling \$136.55. Holston Stamp Club sold 47 lots totaling \$96.15.

Feb. Meeting Summary by Pat Koppel

Dan Hubbard described the philatelic literature that was purchased from Dutch Country Auctions and how it would be sold later in the meeting. Dan also described the cover lots that would be in the special auction later in the meeting.

Steve has added a couple of thousand stamps to the nickel books so members need to look at them again.

Don Ashley told members about the support coming from many corners in our area to get the USPS Stamp Advisory Committee to consider a stamp for Tennessee Ernie Ford in 2019, the centennial of his birth.

Steve showed members the labels he prepared for covering over an address label on a stamp related periodical and leaving it in a public place for others to read.

There was a general discussion about HOLPEX 2018 (May 12 and 13) regarding topics to discuss with Bill Vance and signing up for both full frame exhibits and one page exhibits.

Steve provided an update on Holston Stamp Bucks.



Unless otherwise indicated
by announcement in the newsletter,
Holston Stamp Club conducts its regular
meeting on the 3rd Thursday
each month at 7 p.m.

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